

WISE INVESTMENT LIMITED DEFENSIVE Pershing

MONTHLY FACTSHEET

all data as at 31st May 2022

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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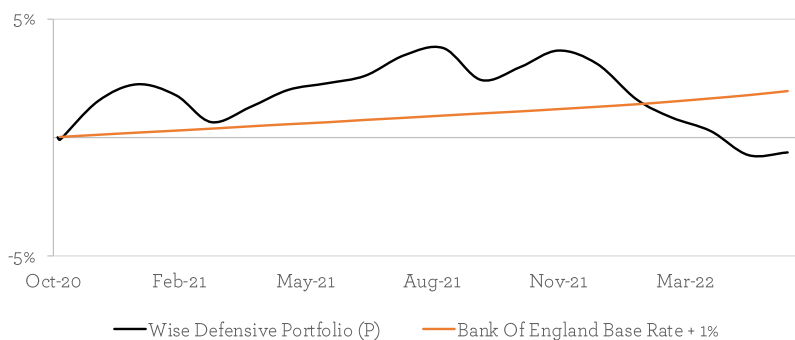
Head of Investment Management

Robert joined Wise Investment in July 2017 and has 20 years' experience in managing private client multi asset class portfolios. His main responsibility is the selection of suitable investments for portfolios and ensuring our investment service meets your requirements. Robert is a member of the CFA Society of the UK and has successfully passed the examinations for all three levels of the Chartered Financial Analyst qualification.

PORTFOLIO OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGY

The Wise Defensive Model Portfolio is designed for clients who are looking for a total return in line with Bank of England Base rate + 1% over a 5 to 10 year period with lower volatility than could be expected from full exposure to the stock market. We aim to achieve this by investing in a select and focussed list of funds (unit trusts, investment trusts and OEICs), with diversification across geography, asset class and investment style. These funds invest in real assets, such as company shares (listed both in the UK and overseas), property, fixed interest and cash. The Portfolio is selected with no more than 40% invested in 'medium' risk assets, such as shares and property. The balance of at least 60% is held in assets defined as 'moderate', 'low' or 'minimal' risk, which are mainly comprised of fixed interest (UK government and higher quality company debt) and cash. No exposure will be allocated to higher risk assets. We therefore consider the portfolio to be suitable for those willing to adopt a defensive risk profile.

PERFORMANCE SINCE LAUNCH (using month-end data)



Key Portfolio Details

Launch Date	29th October 2020
Holdings	9
Historic Yield ¹	1.1%
Volatility ²	3.0%
Benchmark	BoE Base Rate + 1.0%
Model OCF ³	0.3%
Service Charge ⁴	1.6%

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

	1m	3m	6m	1yr	Launch
Wise Defensive Portfolio (P)	0.1%	-1.5%	-4.2%	-2.9%	-0.6%
Bank Of England Base Rate + 1%	0.2%	0.4%	0.8%	1.3%	2.0%

DISCRETE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

	31/05/2021	31/05/2022
Wise Defensive Portfolio (P)	-2.7%	-2.7%
MSCI PIMFA Balanced	2.0%	2.0%

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1 The Historic Yield is the weighted average yield of the model based on the model's current constituents

2 The Model OCF calculates the annual charges levied by the underlying fund holdings according to the model portfolio weights

3 The Service Fee incorporates the model OCF, the standard non-tiered annual fees levied by Wise Investments Limited and custodian fees, of which this is the highest possible fee. Further details of these charges are disclosed to clients investing in the model portfolios.



MONTHLY COMMENTARY

In May, global equities declined slightly by just over -0.3% in sterling terms with the US equity markets offsetting positive returns from other regions. Technology companies continue to weigh on US equity valuations with large caps such as Microsoft and Google down as much as 10% during the month, despite staging a recovery in the closing week. The US equity market has a large exposure to Technology oriented businesses which had been viewed as winners in a world that required people to distance themselves from one another. During the pandemic there was a rapid uptake of technological products and services by businesses and individuals to facilitate work and leisure activities in a physically compromised world. Consequently, this accelerated the earnings growth of these businesses in the last couple of years. However, prices of these companies also accelerated, far outstripping (what we believed to be) a reasonable assessment of long-term earnings and therefore we chose to maintain a low and gradually diminishing exposure to such companies. Since October of last year, the enthusiasm for Technology stocks has waned with the US Technology Services sector down by over -33% in 7 months. This rapid reassessment of value has given us cause to look more closely at the sector and the possibility of rebuilding our exposure as it begins to look oversold.

In UK Commercial Property, listed securities were generally weaker whilst physical property funds delivered a low positive return. The future of open-ended property funds remains undecided with the Bank of England and Financial Conduct Authority consultation paper on the liquidity management of these funds yet to reach a conclusion. In the meantime, Janus Henderson's physical property fund has finally been sold to an undisclosed buyer after being suspended for four months whilst the sale process was conducted. Such uncertainty around liquidity coupled with a question over the long-term existence of these vehicles makes it difficult for us to consider investing in this area currently.

Fixed interest was generally weaker with UK Government Index Linked Bonds leading the retreat. Linkers were down almost -9% on the month. A number of factors aligned that drove inflation proofed securities lower. These were rising nominal interest rates, declining inflation expectations from record levels and the long maturity of many index-linked securities (making them more sensitive to general interest rate moves). The long-term inflation assumptions priced into index linked securities continue to look excessive, in our view, and therefore we would continue to be wary of this area. That said, the pace of the sell off in UK Government Bonds (as in other sovereign markets) has been spectacular by historical standards and therefore we wouldn't rule out a pause and possibly some recovery in the short term.

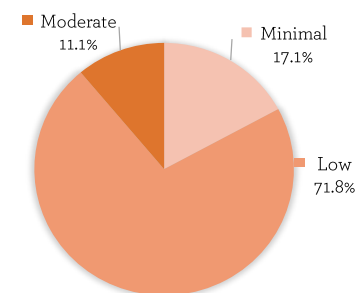
In the Defensive model portfolio, returns were higher by 0.1% in May. This was behind the benchmark, the Bank of England Base Rate + 1%, which returned 0.2%. Positive returns were driven by the BNY Mellon Global Infrastructure Income fund which was added during the month. However, weakness from exposure to Gilts offset these returns as interest rates rose over the month. The exposure of the portfolio towards both nominal and index linked Gilts was reduced in the first half of May in order to mitigate the impact of anticipated future weakness in government bond markets.

Having made small, gradual changes to our portfolio allocation over the last 12 months, recent volatility is creating a variety of interesting opportunities across asset classes and sectors. Having made some asset allocation shifts during the month we are now focussing on specific security exposure to ensure portfolios are positioned appropriately for the future.

HOLDINGS

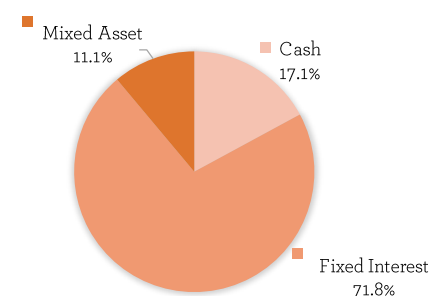
Name	Weight	OCF
Premier Miton UK Money Market	14.9%	0.16%
L&G All Stocks Gilt Index Trust	9.9%	0.15%
Royal London Short Duration Gilts	14.9%	0.22%
L&G Short Dated Sterling Corporate Bond	14.9%	0.14%
M&G UK Inflation Linked Corporate Bond	10.0%	0.43%
TwentyFour Absolute Return Credit	14.9%	0.35%
BNY Mellon Real Return	10.0%	0.79%
BNY Mellon Global Infrastructure Income	10.0%	0.81%
Cash	0.5%	0.0%

ASSET RISK



For Asset Risk Category definitions see the Wise Investment Risk Appendix, supplied to investors in the model portfolios.

ASSET ALLOCATION



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Portfolio returns from the Wise Investment Model Portfolio Service will be subject to investment market fluctuations and there is no guarantee that the portfolio objectives, including any income targets, will be achieved. Where income is received as dividends, these will be automatically reinvested in the Model Portfolio, which may result in the Model Portfolio returns being higher than what a client portfolio can actually achieve. The performance will be reduced by the withdrawal of income and the impact of the ongoing charges and portfolio transaction costs. The charges can vary. Prices of funds and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Consequently, an investment into this portfolio should be considered for a 5 to 10 year period. The funds may invest in higher-yielding or non-investment grade bonds. The funds may hold investments denominated in currencies other than sterling. Changes in exchange rates will cause the value of these investments and the income from them to rise or fall. The funds can use derivatives for investment purposes. These instruments can be more volatile than investment in equities or bonds. Every effort is taken to ensure the accuracy of the data used in this document, but no warranties are given. Wise Investment has expressed its own views and these may change. The data contained in this document has been sourced by Wise Investment and should be independently verified before further publication or use. Wise Investment is a trading brand of Wise Investments Ltd. Wise Investments Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Ref no. 230553.

